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LETTER DATED 12 APRIL 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that United States aircraft continued their violations of Iraqi airspace for purposes of reconnaissance and provocation during the period 1 to 7 April 1993.

1 April 1993

(a) Northern region: 14 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 8,500 metres, centred over Zakho, Dohuk, Irbil, Mosul and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: 40 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Amarah, Samawah, Ushbayjah, Artawi, Basra and Salman.

2 April 1993

(a) Northern region: 18 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 67 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Basra, Samawah, Qal'at Salih, Lasaf, the area to the south of Najaf, Ushbayjah and Busayyah.

3 April 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile air activity was recorded in the region on this day.

(b) Southern region: 56 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 14,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Basra, Qurnah, Artawi, Samawah, Busayyah, Salman, Ushbayjah and Qal'at Salih.

4 April 1993

(a) Northern region: 28 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 30 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 3,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Ushbayjah, Jalibah and Busayyah.

5 April 1993

(a) Northern region: 14 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 7,000 metres, centred over Zakho, Dohuk, Rawanduz, Amadiyah, Mosul, Irbil and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 42 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Basra, Qurnah, Jalibah, Salman, Ushbayjah, Artawi, Nasiriyah, Busayyah, Samawah and Khidr.

6 April 1993

(a) Northern region: 20 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 53 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Basra, Samawah, Salman, the area to the south of Najaf and Busayyah.

7 April 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile air activity was recorded in the northern region on this day.

(b) Southern region: 10 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Artawi and Busayyah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
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